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In re Patent Application of Shiro KAMIYAMA et al. Application No.: 08/174,957 Filed: December 28, 1993 METHOD FOR SURFACE For: TREATMENT OF ALUMINUM ALLOY HIGH-TEMPERATURE PROCESSED ARTICLES

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Applicants request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$385.00 (2801) [X] \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

- Applicants request that any previously unentered after final amendments not be 1. [] A. entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified in item 2 below.
 - Applicants previously submitted the following documents for which continued [] B. examination is requested:

[] Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _

Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _

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- The following documents are enclosed with this submission: 2.
 - Amendment/Reply.
 - Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
 - Information Disclosure Statement (IDS). [X]
 - Petition for Extension of Time.
 - Other: _____
- Small entity status is hereby claimed. 3. []
 - [X] No additional claim fee is required.
 - The fee is calculated below on the basis of the highest number of claims already paid [] for in this application prior to this submission:

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Basic Fee					\$770.00 (1001)
Total Claims	18	MINUS 21 =	0	× \$18.00 (1202) =	0.00
Independent Claims	6	MINUS 6 =	0	× \$86.00 (1201) =	0.00
If multiple dependent	claims are p	resented, add \$290.0	00 (1203)		
Total Fee			770.00		
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TOTAL FEE DUE			\$770.00		

- 4. [X] A check in the amount of \$ 770.00 is enclosed for the fee due.
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The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action (final rejection) dated June 3, 2003, and further to the Notice of Appeal filed November 3, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins at page 2 of this paper. In addition, Applicants' remarks begin at page 7 of this paper.